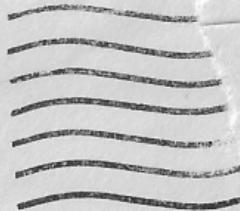


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Mr. Aloysius

The New Basic Prison C.M.F.
1119 Wescheler Place
Los Angeles 6 California

Los Angeles, Calif.

21 de Marzo, 1950

Pdo. P. Juan Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Casa Provincial,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Muy estimado Padre:

Siquiera al acercarse la fiesta
de la Anunciación, no quiero dejar
de escribirle unas líneas. Usted ya
sabe lo que significa para mí ese
día. Lo felicito a usted por él de todo
corazón, y le pediré a San Luis De
Montfort que le alcance de la Virgen
muchas bendiciones en ese día.

Por favor, haga usted lo mismo por mí.

Ya sé, padre, que va a tener la
dicha de ir a la canonización del
Beato P. Claret. Me alegra muchísimo
por usted y lo felicito muy de veras.
¡Qué no diera yo por ir! ; Cuánta
gente irá que no quiere al

P. Claret de ninguna manera tanto como yo! Yo creo que no hay ningún lego que lo quiera como yo. Le suplico a usted que se acuerde de mí en sus oraciones cuando esté presente a la canonización; lo necesito inmensamente, pues durante los últimos seis meses he tenido las peores tentaciones de toda mi vida.

Voy a pasar en retiro el 7 de mayo, delante de la imagen del P. Claret, y cuento con recibir por su intercesión auxilios muy grandes del cielo.

No se me ha olvidado que tengo en mi poder los dos preciosos libros que me prestó usted. Francamente no he encontrado día que me guste para devolvérselos. Dígame, padre, ¿no podré comprárselos? Por favor, aviseme si puedo, y digame cuánto valen.

Me despido respetuosamente, expresando mis mejores deseos para su viaje. No se olvide de mí en Roma.

Si acaso llega un día en que pudiera verlo, tal vez en Semana Santa, hágame favor de avisarme. Su affma. en J. y M., María Koch

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P.S. Should you know of any Respectful
Mass Membership Association in your
neighborhood I would be glad to get
their address as I would like to
be enrolled in same when financially
able

E.P.K.

March 22, 1950.

Dear Mrs. O'Neill:

Many thanks for your letter. The picture of the Sacred Heart has been indeed of much comfort to me. I admired the original of this picture in Mrs. Brennan's home. Ask the Sacred Heart to increase our love for Him on account of the holiness of the Immaculate Heart of His Mother.

Convey my best regards to your sister that has been sick all these years. When you write to Miss Cabin, ask for her prayers and those of Sister Diane for us, who promise them our prayers. Yes, I have been praying for Sister Diane, that she stay longer on earth. This has been my prayer for her ever since Thanksgiving of last year.

It is not possible for me to go out. I go out very, very seldom and for very weighty reasons. So, excuse me if I cannot please you in the matter, because my will is not mine and I am under obedience.

May God give you a most holy Holy Week and Holy Year.

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Florence O'Neill,
7622 Denker,
Los Angeles, Calif.

March 22, 1950.

Dear Miss Wyatt:

Your letter of March 18th received.

Sorry to hear that you have been sick. Do not feel that your spiritual efforts are not getting anywhere. To your best, even if your best is very feeble. Our Lord realizes our condition. He only demands from us our best within our weakness.

I advise you to read the ~~auto~~biography of the Little Flower and realize that we don't have to do great things to become saints, but our ordinary actions should be done the best we know how with the purest intention of pleasing God.

I am praying for all your needs and intentions.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss M. Alice Josephine Wyatt,
8619 Second Ave.,
Inglewood, Calif.

March 22, 1950.

Dear Sister:

Your letter of March 18th with stipends for three Holy Masses received; also two dollars to procure for you a cross blessed with a plenary indulgence toties quoties. May I tell you that it is not possible any more to get this kind of cross. Likewise it is not possible to get any more relics of the True Cross or relics of the Apostles. So I will hold the two dollars for any other intention you wish; for instance, a Papal Blessing, or relic of some saint. Just let me know.

It is very hard to answer your letter in a satisfactory way in a letter. But believe me, I want to help you, dear Sister. My answer to all of it is, Seek God with a greater purity of intention every day in all your doings, with great resignation and even happiness, adjusting yourself to the Divine Will the best you know how. Allow nothing to disturb you. Sacrifice on the altar of holy obedience your initiative, your talents, your views, the encouragement and applause that you receive when you attend meetings with sisters of different congregations. Explain the things to your superiors and then abide with their decision. Ask Our Lord and the Blessed Mother constantly for grace to cope with the difficulties and with the accusations, etc., etc.; also the grace of controlling your emotions, your touchiness, and exquisite sensitiveness. These things are bound to be part of your own self, with your present duties. It is your cross. Do the best you can to carry it willingly. This is the means for your sanctification. In one word, Our Lord demands from you the sacrifice of your own personality with all that it means, plus hard, continued work while your health is not the best.

Don't look for penances. You have enough with what Our Lord permits to come your way. Ask Our Blessed Mother of Sorrows, whose name you carry, to give you fortitude to be always at the foot of the Cross. Be another Mary Magdalene kneeling at the foot of the Cross kissing the Feet of Jesus constantly and telling Him that you love Him in all your trials and in all your labors and that you, too, want to remain crucified on the cross of obedience to show your love for Him.

May God give you a very holy feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and a real Holy Week and Holy Year. Thanking you for all your prayers for me and re-assuring you of mine,

Your spiritual father in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Dolores, S.S.C.M.,
St. Patrick Academy,
Momence, Ill.

346 South Reno St.
Los Angeles 5
March 22, 1950

Rev. and dear Father:-

The enclosed check is a stipend for thirty Gregorian Masses for the repose of the soul of Mary J. Herley, who died March 20th.
Her sisters commissioned me to take ^{care} of this matter for them. Mrs. Herley was a saintly soul and we wish to expedite her soul to the Heavenly Father.

I shall appreciate your acknowledging this stipend direct to the sisters -

Mrs. Elizabeth Daley and Mrs. Rose Harmon,
6037 Eleanor Ave., Los Angeles 38.

Mrs. Angie Fuller gave me your address. She and Mrs. Marie Sprague are very dear friends of mine. They speak of you and your fine work.

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours
Mrs. Anna L. Lutke
(on envelope)

March 23, 1950.

My dear daughter in Jesus and Mary:

Your letters of March 7th and 21st received. I was going to answer your letter of March 7th yesterday, so today I will abridge into one my reply to both.

This is the way God has inspired me about you. You made a great sacrifice when you went to Alhambra from your home, in sacrificing all the glamor that was yours to become the bride of Christ at the summit of Carmel. Your sacrifice was also very great when you were invited for this foundation in Long Beach. You realized how you are going to be alone in many ways, deprived especially of those holy conversations with some of the sisters in your former convent. This was your greatest trial when I visited you in Long Beach. You foresaw it and in spite of that, to imitate Our Lord carrying the Cross to Mt. Calvary, you embraced the hardest. Now what follows is the lesser sacrifice and it is that you be thoroughly open with your superior. Tell her also about that "mental reservation" you made. Don't hesitate. And when you tell her about it, state also that you were afraid and you still are afraid that she may make some other changes that might deviate the sisters from the genuine rule and mind and spirit of the cloistered Carmelites, and that you are telling her this not as a complaint, but because you love her and you love the primitive spirit of the order and that the Mother Prioress should not take offense on your telling her these things, because you are dealing with her in that spirit of perfect obedience that St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa are demanding from all the Carmelites (and from you in particular.) This is because Our Lord finds you generous enough for this perfect obedience and candor with your superior. You are going to help her this way and she also will receive your advice in a spirit of humility, and you both will derive mutual profit and help toward preservation of the primitive fervor and spirit in this your new foundation. Also, be telling your Mother Superior more every time about your spiritual matters, not all at once, but by and by as you detect her reactions to your disclosures. You both are going to be much happier. She is going to derive much fruit from this openness of conscience with her. This is going to be a very short cut to ascend up to the summit of Mt. Carmel, because it will be a constant exercise of perfect humility.

We are aware that the greater the humility in a person, the higher is his or her sanctity. Ask the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to have perfect freedom of action in their workings within your soul and that they keep you in thorough humility and complete dependence. So there is no confusion about the matter.

Be very happy in your new foundation, studying in theory and in practice the spirit of St. John of the Cross and of St. Teresa of Jesus. Be always close to the Carmelites of your triumphant order in heaven so that they intercede for the spiritual prosperity of Carmel St. Joseph in Long Beach.

Go ahead in renewing your vow of perfection the 16th of July. Through your complete dependence and thorough humility, Our Lord will purify you fast through the dark night of spirit. Be most courageous, most confident in the personal love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for you and the mediation of St. Joseph and the angels and the patron saints of your holy Order.

Do write to me whenever you feel like it, since I am your spiritual Father. Don't be timid about it. I will do my best before God to interpret for you the wishes of His Holy Spirit. I will remember you on my pilgrimage to Rome. I don't need to say this, because I pray for my spiritual children constantly.

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which time she suffered heart attacks and paralysis on her right side, with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand ~~and crucifix~~ with a plenary indulgence to ties quotes that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss it with all her love.

I finish this letter by encouraging you to always, whether in dryness or in consolation, in sickness or in health, in every event of your life, feel as you do now--quoting from your letter: "I'd do anything to give Him pleasure."

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.

Mother Miriam of Jesus, D.C.,

Carmel of St. Joseph,
3361 East Ocean Blvd.,
Long Beach 3, Calif.

prayers. Will you kindly say a
prayer for our son Tom. He is not
too good a student and I worry about
him some times. Will you please
ask God to inspire him and help
him find his place in the world.
He is such a good, pure boy. I suppose
I should not worry about the studies
too much.

Well Father, keep well and you
can be sure we are so grateful
for all your prayers and hope some
time, with God willing, we may
have the pleasure of meeting you

Sincerely Mrs. Holmes

Mrs. Thomas P. Holmes
7708 So. Green St.
Chicago 20, Ill.

March 23, 1950

Dear Father -

I just learned recently of the death of your mother and I wish to extend to you our heartfelt sympathy. Mothers are so precious to us all that we feel sad when they leave us, but when we think of the wonderful reward and happiness they are receiving, we cannot grieve too much. I am enclosing

two mass cards for your mother.

I hope you have been well.

Our little Dolores prays for you every night. She is growing every day. She has a birthday soon.

She will be nine years old on April 3rd and, of course, wants a party. I guess parties just go with little girls.

Being Lent we have not heard from Mother Mary Dolores. but I guess she is well and busy. She had a nice trip to New York.

During the course of your



M. Holmes
7708 S. Green St.
Chicago. Ill.

Rev. Father Glazier,
18127 S. Alameda Blvd.,
Compton, California.

March 23, 1950.

Mrs. Patrick Mc Polin, President,
St. Jude's Seminary Mothers Club,
8413 S. Morgan,
Chicago 20, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Mc Polin:

My deepest thanks to you and to all the members of St. Jude's Seminary Mothers' Club for your letter of condolence and the High Mass on behalf of the eternal rest of my beloved mother--may her soul rest in peace. Though I cherished the dream of seeing my mother before her death and was praying for it, it was my great happiness to make the sacrifice and kiss the Hands of our good God, Who arranges everything for our best. And it was the best time for my mother to die, on account of the way and the circumstances that surrounded her death; because my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary, and all her children and some of her grandchildren were present at her death bed.

Her agony lasted three days, during which time she suffered heart attacks and paralysis on her right side, with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence to ties quoties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss it with all her love.

So, dear Mrs. Mc Polin, I am most happy she died the way she did instead of dying suddenly at some later date or in her sleep or so, as elderly people are liable to.

Extend my best wishes to the Mothers' Club, and I wish them perfect happiness and that their Claretian sons be their best consolation on earth and the brightest jewel in their crown of glory in heaven.

Most gratefully in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.P.

March 23, 1950.

Dear Sister Margaret Ellen:

Many thanks for your letter and stipend for the Holy Mass. I will be very happy to pray for the intention of your making a very good retreat in order that you may not refuse anything to the Sacred Heart, as you state in your letter. I remember you and your visits to me in Dominguez. I am not there any more, as the letterhead tells you. I have been Master of Novices for the past two years.

I commend to your prayers the soul of my mother, who passed away to her eternal reward on January 30th at 9:00 p.m. She was assisted by my brother Claretian, Rev. Father Joseph Mary. Her agony lasted three days, during which time she suffered heart attacks and paralysis on her right side, with cerebral hemorrhages. She was not afraid of dying, and spoke of death as one would speak of just going on a trip to another city, and did her best to cheer up her children and grandchildren. She was aware that she was going to die the beginning of this year and spoke of it to the family. During her last agony she grasped her Rosary with her left hand and the crucifix with a plenary indulgence toties quoties that was given to her as a remembrance by her sister, a Carmelite nun, who passed away two years ago. As she was deprived of speech during the last three days, when her children around her bed would finish a part of the Holy Rosary, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary so that they would start with another part. She did so constantly up to her death. When for one reason or another the Rosary would slip away from her fingers, since she had lost her sight, it was most edifying to see her move her hand around to look for her Rosary and for her crucifix. Once in awhile she would lift her hand up to her neck to be sure that her scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was still there. When they wanted her to kiss the crucifix, they had to force it from her hands to bring it to her lips; and then she would kiss it with all her love.

At the beginning of April I am going on a pilgrimage to Rome to attend the canonization of our Founder, Bl. Anthony Mary Claret. I will be very happy to remember you there and at the shrines of Lourdes and Fatima. Extend my best regards to the sisters of your order whom I know.

May Our Lord, through the mediation of our most holy Mother, give you a most holy Holy Week and Holy Year.

Begging the continuance of your prayers,

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Margaret Ellen,
Providence Hospital,
Oakland, Calif.

March 23, 1950.

Dear Miss Koch:

Your letter of March 21st welcomed. I was very happy to hear from you. Be sure that I will remember you on my pilgrimage to Rome and also the 25th of this month I will consecrate you at the elevation of my Holy Mass to the Most Holy Trinity with Christ, through Christ and in Christ in the Presence of Our Blessed Mother, Blessed Anthony Mary Claret, and St. Louis de Montfort.

In regard to the two books I loaned you, I wish I could give them to you, but I can neither give them nor sell them to you since they belong to the Father library. But you can get these books by writing to

Libreria del Sagrado Corazon,
Av. Madero 27 Poniente,
Apartado 35,
Queretaro, Qro.,
Mexico Republic.

They have these books; or, if they don't have them now in stock, they will procure them for you.

Pray much for me as I do and will for you.

During this year my main resolution is to attain that degree of love for the Blessed Mother that should be proper to a Claretian missionary. My main purpose on my pilgrimage is to visit Lourdes and Fatima to request our Blessed Mother for a very great increase of love towards her in my heart and in the hearts of all those with whom I am in spiritual contact and in the hearts of all souls at large.

May the Blessed Mother and our dear Father Claret bless you and help you and bring you perfect happiness.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss Maria Koch,
1022½ South Lake St.,
Los Angeles 6, Calif.

J. M. . . J. T.

CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH
3361 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD
LONG BEACH 3, CALIF.

Pax Christi!

March 25, 1950.

Rev. Aloysius Ellcuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius:

My sincere sympathy to you, dear Father, on the occasion of the death of your dear Mother. I would have written before but I learned of her passing only through Mother Sub-prioress a few days ago, or rather yesterday.

God has asked this sacrifice from you that your love might be more completely His own. And when you visit Rome you will do so clothed with this cross of separation which will make your prayers all the more acceptable to the Most High.

I have only a few moments but I do want your Reverence to know that I share your sorrow and will offer my poor prayers, if they are needed, that your dear Mother may enter Heaven without delay. I shall write a letter to you next week. In the meantime I beg your prayers and a remembrance at the alter of God. Pray too, dear Father, for the recovery of one of our Sisters who was in surgery on Thursday. A cataract was removed from her right eye. As this is a most delicate operation and the danger period lasts over three weeks I am much concerned.

Humbly in Christ,

Mary Elizabeth, DC
Prioress

P.S. we will have a Mass offered for your Mother's soul

J. M. J.
Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois

March 26, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

When I heard you were going to Rome, I was really happy for you, and thanked God for the grace He was giving you. It will be such a joy to hear the official declaration of the Holy Father, proclaiming your saintly founder, a canonized saint before the entire world. Many graces will doubtless flow on that day for the

"Missionary Sons" and we hope some will be
reach the Seminary of St. Louis Heart.

I was grieved to know your mother
will not be home to welcome you. The
comfort of seeing her, visiting with her, and
living over former days was postponed.
I have prayed for your mother; I hope
my prayers were unnecessary, but in
case they are needed, I offer them.

I wish to assure you you are
remembered at every mass I hear, and
the knowledge that you pray for me is
a great comfort. The grace of God is the
only hope I have.

May blessed heart grant you all the graces
of grace you desire. — Sister Mary Catherine.

J.M. + J.T.

Carmel of St. Joseph
3361 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach 3, Calif.
March 26, 1950

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ,

Your letter was most welcome, but I was very sorry to learn of your mother's death. So that she died the Monday before your visit here, and you had not yet received the sad news! Our Lord must have wanted that added sacrifice from you. You may be sure I'll not forget to pray for her soul - so dear & our Lord, as evidenced by her edifying devotion during her last agony; and also for those who mourn her passing.

A "Bon Voyage" to you and Mrs. & Mrs. Rose! Your pilgrimage now is marked with the sign of the cross and will

surely give glory to the Father.

God reward you for your letter,
Father; every word was a help!

Once again I beg your blessing.

Your unworthy child is the
Heart of Mary,

Fr. Garrison of Jeannette

P.S. I forgot to ask when you planned
to return. When you get your breath
after you get back could you let us
know?

March 30, 1950.

Dear Paul:

This is a brief letter, but I wanted to tell you the following: that Lou Rose did not go there, but sent another man of his to Palm Springs who saw the property there undeveloped. Therefore they say they would not get much by selling it. I feel very sorry that our plan of going together to Rome has been frustrated, but don't be discouraged.

I believe you should write to the Very Reverend Abbot, Cartuga Miraflores, Burgos, Spain. There is a priest there who knows English, who is from America and through him they can answer you. Ask them to send you all the information they can and state also about your spiritual condition and say that your spiritual director advises you to ask for this information.

In my Holy Masses I am praying very much for you, dear Paul, so that your vocation will materialize soon. Let this trial in not being able to go together to Rome be a source of new blessings for you in order to spur up your entrance into the religious life. When I am in Rome I will get the information about the Camalduli. So, when I come back I will tell you all about them.

So, please, Paul, I want you as soon as it is possible to be in Europe, either in Burgos or in Rome, to spend the remainder of your days as a monk.

Give my best regards to John Krupa and count always on me for anything I can do for you. May you both have the holiest Holy Week and the happiest Easter.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mr. Paul Wilhelm,
1000 Palms Oasis,
Thousand Palms, Calif.

February 6th
St Titus

Dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you for the good letter. I hope this finds you well. Since then, a weekend has passed, close to the Spirit of God. Sunday Mass and Communion was attended in Desert Hot Springs at the new Church of St. Elizabeth where I served at Mass and Benediction. Thanks be to God.

Your letter has placed me in a special way in the hands of the Immaculate Mother. Last evening, as the moon came up over desert hills, we said our Rosary around Rosary Hill. I felt strangely close to the Mother of God. She seemed to be telling me to love her more, to place my confidence in her, to go to her Son through her. I was overcome by a picture of a Carthusian Monastery here in the desert. Could it be that she wants to establish the Carthusians in America--in California--here in the desert?

You say, Let it be settled now that you are to come with us to Rome. Father, God's Will be done! But unless I lease or sell this oasis before the time you state, I will not be able to accept the signal honor you extend of going with you to the wonderful and joyous event of the Canonization of Blessed Claret. There is the fare of the trip, which finances I have not got at the present time. However, Our Lady will take care and see that this place is leased or sold so that I can go, if she sees that it must be so. I have placed it in her hands. I can see myself at Burgos on retreat, and it is a gift rich in possibilities spiritual, perhaps the spiritual home that I have long sought. And if God does not Will that I remain there, it surely will be some spiritaul home here in America, even here in the desert, perhaps, as that sudden revelation last evening, in the newly established Carthusian House here in the desert--perhaps even here in the oasis.

God's Will be done.

The picture you sent to me of Blessed Claret, the Living Monstrance, has been close to me, and I have prayed to Blessed Claret that he might enlighten me, that I may do God's Will, to be docile and to have Faith in the Father's every wish, through His Son, Jesus. I have completely abandoned myself to Our Lord's Sacred Heart.

To empty out more and more the Paul Wilhelm in me and to be more and more filled with Christ and His Immaculate Mother.

Through the years here at this remote oasis, many people have come and gained spiritual blessings. There is, indeed, a spiritual fragrance here that is strong and good, and I know that it is the overshadowing of Mary's Love, the Immaculate Heart of Mary showering this blessed spot with her goodness.

March 30, 1950.

Dear Mrs. McLean:

Thank you for your letter of the 21st.

We began the Gregorian Masses on the 20th, and this year it was on the Feast of St. Joseph. Your sister might not need these Masses, but she certainly will be delighted with an increase of accidental glory from them, because the saints in heaven rejoice when we remember them, and, though their substantial glory is always the same, their accidental glory is increased with our remembering them.

Accept my thanks for all your prayers and thoughtfulness to me in the past. I will continue praying very much for you.

Sincerely and gratefully in the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,
C.M.P.

Mrs. Alphonsine McLean,
1611 Glendon Ave.,
Los Angeles 24, Calif.

March 30, 1950.

Dear Sister Mary Raymond:

This letter is to let you know I will be ready if you will come for me Holy Saturday afternoon. I would appreciate knowing, however, whether you want me to give a talk or just hear confessions.

I was happy to learn about that patient who went to the Sacraments. This is your great work in the hospital, to bring souls to God; and the closer you are to Christ, the better instrument you will become.

Tell Sister Mary Munice that I will answer in the confessional the questions she asked me in her letter.

Tomorrow is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. May she obtain for you and for your sisters, that you have the holiest Holy Week and happiest Easter in your close union with Christ in the great mysteries that we will commemorate these days--the institution of the Most Blessed Eucharist, and then His Passion, Death and Resurrection. For me it will be a spiritual treat to go to your convent and converse with you and your sisters.

May God love you all with a very personal love!

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Eliacuria, C. M. F.

Sister Mary Raymond,
Sisters of Charity,
St. John's Hospital,
Santa Monica, Calif.

Notre Dame,
San Francisco 10, Cal.
March 27, '50.

Dear Rev. Father Aloysius,

I heard
the sad news from dear Sister Tina,
of the death of your dear Mother
in Spain, so I am writing to
offer you my heartfelt sympathy
and prayers, both for her and for
you. She certainly is better off, reaping
the rich reward of having two such
holy sons, - devoted and zealous priests.

What a consolation for her and for
you to know, that your brother
was with her when she passed
away. Happy is the death of saints;
and surely she was a great one!

visit with you.

I am sure all your relatives in Spain are counting the days when they will see you, and what a happy reunion it will be.

Now dear Father I shall close, renewing my heartfelt sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.

I hope you enjoy a most wonderful trip across the ocean and enjoy every minute of your hard-earned vacation.

Bon Voyage! also a very, very,

"Happy Easter," with all our dear Savior's blessings to you.

Don't forget to pray for me, as I shall ^{pray} for you, but my dear, you don't need my poor prayers.

With kindest regards to you and your dear family, I am in the Sacred Heart,

Sincerely yours,

Sister Louise Marie.

S. N. D.

Sister also told me that you are going to enjoy the great privilege of going to Rome for the Holy Year, and of course being present at the Canonization of Blessed Anthony Claret on May 7th.

What a wonderful celebration it will be. I shall be in spirit with you, particularly on that great day, and don't forget to say a prayer for me on that great occasion, particularly since Blessed Anthony is working miracles.

A few in my favor will be greatly appreciated. You don't need any for yourself, because you are a close second to your dear Founder in holiness, charity etc.

Some time during vacation I am going to Los Angeles, and I'm sure you will be home by that time, hence I'm anxiously looking forward to a

March 30, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Lutke:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 22nd, enclosing the stipends. The stipends are receiving our prompt attention and I am sending [redacted] amounts to Mesdames Daley and Harmon. *Enclosed*

Wishing you a very holy Holy Week and happy Easter,

Respectfully yours,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,
C.M.F.

Mrs. Anna L. Lutke,
346 South Reno St.,
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

March 30, 1950.

Mesdames Elizabeth Daley and Rose Harmon,
6037 Eleanor Avenue,
Los Angeles 38, Calif.

Dear Friends:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of a stipend for thirty Gregorian Masses for the soul of your dear sister, Mary J. Herley, who passed away on March 20th. The stipend was received from Mrs. Anna Lutke, who asks that I send this acknowledgment.

We will take care of the Masses right away and will not fail also to pray for our dear benefactors. May God help you carry this cross. Through the death of our dear ones, our Blessed Lord reminds us that the main thing in our lives is to prepare ourselves for a happy death.

Wishing you a very holy Holy Week and happy Easter,

Respectfully,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,
C.M.F.

March 30, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Holmes:

Many thanks for your kind condolences.

I am praying for you, your husband and your children, Tommy and Dolores. Let me wish Dolores a happy birthday April 3rd. May she and Tommy grow up to be the glory and joy of their parents.

Please extend my good wishes to Mother Mary Dolores when you see her, for her feast day tomorrow, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Sincerely in the Immaculate Heart
of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Thomas P. Holmes,
7708 South Green St.,
Chicago 20, Ill.

April 1, 1950.

Dear Sister St. Sebastian:

Your letter of March 27th most welcome.

First of all, I wish you a very Holy Holy Week and the happiest Easter, with an ever-increasing knowledge of the mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, the illumination you have received of Our Lord's suffering in the Garden of Olives has been a very great grace for you; and offer yourself as soon as you receive this letter as the Angel of Consolation to Christ in His Agony in the Garden of Olives. Picture yourself in front of Him, holding the Chalice of suffering in both your hands and telling Our Lord that you want to drink as much as possible of that Chalice so as to spare Him what you can. Renew every morning in Holy Communion your promise of your oblation as the Angel of Consolation to Christ in His Agony in the Garden of Olives, uniting yourself with Christ and losing yourself in Christ and offering yourself through Christ to His Eternal Father for all souls up to the end of time.

Now, dear Sister St. Sebastian, make this oblation of yourself as the Angel of Consolation, make it as practical as possible through the routine of your daily life in the following manner:

First, see that you are exemplary in all that appertains to piety, whether you are as dry as a stone (and many times you will feel this way) or are flooded with accidental fervor (which will not be too often). Remember that you must console Christ in His Agony and that your only consolation should be to console Him, which is the acme of consolation for any religious soul. Let Christ count on you for the relief of His Agony by the perfection of your piety and life of prayer.

Second, since you, Sister St. Sebastian, are by nature self-willed and sort of stubborn and not too docile, see that your obedience is better every day, making your obedience really child-like and angelic. Just be a good child without any guile and most obliging to your superiors. This will be a very practical manner of becoming a better Angel of Consolation to Christ in the Garden of Olives.

Third, because of your vocation to bring the wishes and the spirit of your Holy Founder into action in your community life, see that you work very hard in not being, first of all, so self-opinionated in your dealings with the other sisters, as you by nature are; but yield to their views and wishes as long as there is no sin or fault in it. Be most gracious with your sisters, especially with the least attractive. Smile always, and make

your abiding in their company as pleasant as possible. Love the least and the last place in the community. Never be ostentatious. Love to do as much as possible for others, with your only end in view to console Christ in the Garden of Olives. Try to improve things in your community by your works more than by your words. Foster an ever-increasing compassion for the ones that are less gifted. Never despise anyone in your thoughts. Watch this very much on account of your superiority complex. Watch, keeping this superiority complex of yours under your feet all the time. Love the poor and lowly more and more every day and do all you can for them. These three points will take care of your spiritual life and their observance will make you a perfect Angel of Consolation to Christ in His Agony in the Garden of Olives.

When I go to Rome I will pray for you at St. Sebastian's Catacombs, asking him and all the holy martyrs that were buried there for the grace of making out of you the Angel of Consolation. When I see our Holy Father, I certainly will look upon him with love, conveying to His Holiness all your best wishes and those of your community. I will thank God in the presence of His Holiness for having given you the grace of offering yourself as a victim for the great Pope of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Do extend my best regards and wishes for the happiest Easter tide to everyone at Our Lady Academy, so extremely dear and near to my heart. The golden years of 1939, '40, '41 and '42 that will live in Our Lady Academy are just unparalleled. It was just a deluge of divine grace in and around Our Lady Academy.

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister St. Sebastian, S.S.C.M.,
Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois.

April 3, 1950.

Dear Mother Mary Catherine:

May you have a Holy Week and Eastertide according to the wishes of your heart.

My deepest thanks for your thoughtfulness in praying for my mother's eternal rest. She was well-prepared and already had forewarned that she was going to die at the beginning of this Holy Year and told her children so. And she was not afraid of dying, and showed her love for the Holy Rosary up to the very end, and when struck by attacks of hemiplegia and after loss of sight and speech, she never released the Rosary from her hand, and when her children and some of her grandchildren would finish one part of the Holy Rosary the last three days of her life as they were around her deathbed, she would raise her left hand and shake the Rosary, telling them that way to continue saying it. And so they did without interruption one Rosary after another. Also, they made the recommendation of her soul eight times. My Claretian brother, the Reverend Joseph Mary, was present. So, all in all, I am very happy that she died that way instead of dying suddenly in her sleep, or all by herself, at a later date. Now there is only a little thin veil between her and her children.

On my pilgrimage to Rome, in my poor prayers I will be very mindful of the needs of your community, especially of vocations. May your saintly founder, who was so kindly and understanding, prevail in his prayers before the throne of Almighty God for the increase of your Institute worthy of better days. I see here the different congregations of women growing so vigorously by leaps and bounds while your congregation, so dear to my heart, remains the same. I was wondering what the cause could be.

In order to continue being the Sacred Heart's delight, continue more and more every time the following practices: first, go out of your way as much as possible in doing things for others, in stooping down as low as possible in the presence of the sisters of your community that are less gifted, and do your best to be as gracious as possible with them, encouraging them in their vocation, enlightening them and consoling them in their trials and difficulties, showing them that the heights of perfection are for all, explaining to them different points of spirituality, bringing the high conceptions of sanctity down to the level of their intelligence and making the family spirit better and happier every day. Second, let the three theological virtues and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit be your constant study and practice. Third, dwell in the Heart of the Blessed Mother as your heaven on earth so that there the Holy Spirit may have always free sway to act in

your soul for the perfect fulfilment of your vow of greater perfection by doing your best in order to correspond to every inspiration of the same Holy Spirit.

May I tell you once more how privileged I am in having your prayers. How thoughtful of you it is to remember me at every Mass you hear! Keep it up, dear Mother Mary Catherine, because one of my greatest happinesses when I directed your sisters was to direct your privileged soul. Those days when I used to be the confessor of your community are the very golden days of my life.

My best regards to your sisters and the members of your family.

Your former spiritual Father, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mother Mary Catherine, S.S.C.M.,
Our Lady Academy,
Manteno, Illinois.

April 4, 1950.

Dear Mother Mary of the Precious Blood:

May I wish you the very holiest Holy Week and happiest Easter tide in the closest union with Christ in the Mysteries of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, His Passion and Death, and His Resurrection,--all of it by your soul being infolded in the love of the Blessed Mother and completely lost in her Heart all-holy and immaculate. Many, many thanks for your thorough thoughtfulness in sending me your condolences and the stipend for a High Mass on behalf of my dear mother. May her soul reward you from heaven for your attention to her.

I hope that your health is quite improved in your new surroundings and that you feel vigorous in your spiritual life after the long and painful night of the spirit which you traversed through the special grace of God in your years as Superior in Manteno. May this Holy Week flood you with the light and warmth that comes after the dark night of the soul. May you feel now as a mighty eagle soaring straight toward the Sun of Justice with the wings of faith and confidence and all aglow in divine love. Now just love God with all your heart and soul and lose yourself in the immense ocean of goodness of God and there remain immersed, loving God in everyone and in everything, and bringing all to the greater knowledge and love of God through your holiness, through your prayer, through your encouraging words.

Do not be so taciturn with me. I like to hear about your soul, as I have been most vitally interested in your sanctification since 1940--ten solid years. See that the light and the love of God beam through you, making the community of your subjects a most happy one.

Extend my best regards to everyone at Holy Family Academy.

On my pilgrimage to Rome you will be particularly remembered. It cannot be otherwise.

Your spiritual Father in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mother Mary of the Precious Blood, S.S.C.R., Superior,
Holy Family Academy,
Beaverville, Illinois.

Be sure that this letter will be also presented by some of our Fathers who are very well known to His Holiness. Among them is the Under-Secretary of the Congregation of Religious, Father Arcadius Larraona, who is the main person about anything that has to do with religious and a great Claretian, and is consulted by the Holy Father in all the difficulties concerning religious.

When I am in the presence of the Holy Father I will pray for the acceleration of this definition. Pray that my pilgrimage to Rome be most fruitful to my soul and to the souls of my spiritual children.

It would be very nice if some day Mother Rose Mary with you would come to California to see the possibilities of a new foundation for your Congregation. Oh how I wish that your Congregation would prosper in the United States as many other congregations do. One of my petitions on my pilgrimage will be your expension in the United States of America. If you had many vocations now you could establish a community in this prosperous Archdiocese of Los Angeles with a very promising future for further foundations. Continue always here on earth and above in heaven being our mediatrix.

Extend my best regards to Reverend Mother Rose Mary, wishing her the happiest Easter.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Mary Mediatrix, S.S.C.R.,
Holy Family Academy,
Beaverville, Illinois.

April 4, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Beger:

Your letter of March 30th welcomed. I took care of your Holy Mass.

I understand that your cross is getting to be heavier and I sympathize with you and pray for you. Don't lose courage, and increase your love for the Blessed Mother and invite your children to say the Rosary also, so that Our Blessed Mother may remedy your situation.

May you have a very holy Holy Week and happy Easter in spite of your trials.

Sincerely in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Julia E. Beger,
6208 Leland Way,
Hollywood 28, Calif.

April 4, 1950.

Dear Sister Louise Marie:

Your letter of March 22nd most welcome. I thank you very much for praying for my mother. I hope that your throat is much better. You don't tell me anything about it in your letter.

When on my pilgrimage to Rome I will be very happy to pray for you and all your intentions as well as all your sisters and family. They all have been very thoughtful towards me. May Our Lord give you the holiest Holy Week and happiest Easter.

May I give you a little advice? Just continue in your dealings with God and with the Blessed Mother as you are--very simple and childlike, with extreme confidence in the great personal love of God for you. Don't worry about your scruples. God loves you very much and has purified you through those trials in a very high degree. Trust God completely and be always very happy and cheerful, working always in the presence of God and bringing the Blessed Mother into the picture in everything that you do, because she is most concerned about every detail of yours. Continue being a good little child to the Blessed Mother without counting or regarding your years. We must remain as little infants always in our simplicity in our dealings with God.

God love you!

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.P.

Sister Louise Marie, S.M.D.,
Notre Dame Convent,
347 Dolores St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Saint Patrick Academy
Alomence, Illinois

J.M.J.

April 4, 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, 6, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Thank you very much for your letter. It did help greatly. I have been doing my best to do as you suggested. I realize that it is the only thing to do, yet it is difficult. At times I am so completely confused about it all that I scarcely know what to do.

I was sorry to hear that it is no longer possible to secure the kind of crucifix which I would have liked. If it is possible to secure a relic of our Blessed Mother, I would appreciate that; if not, a relic of your saintly founder, of the Little Flower, or of St. Ignatius. If none of these is possible or convenient, just use the money I sent for a Mass for my intentions, particularly for peace of soul.

I trust that you will have a very wonderful trip. I can well imagine how thrilled you will be to be present for the canonization of your saintly Founder. I beg a memento in your prayers at Fatima, at Rome, and at the many shrines you will visit. I wish that there would be a possibility of your stopping over in Chicago. How I would appreciate a visit with you! I shall be united in prayer with you on your trip that our dear Lord may grant you many and special graces. Begging your blessing and your prayers and wishing you a very holy and happy Easter, I remain

Gratefully in Him

Sister Mary Dolores

Notre Dame,<sup>St Louise
marie</sup>
San Francisco 10, Cal.
April 7. '50

Dear Rev. Father Ellacuria,

You made me so happy to receive that lovely letter today, and I must thank you a thousand times for helping me out spiritually, for I really needed it badly.

First I shall say that on May 21st, they will keep my Golden Jubilee, although it won't be until July 19th. Only my

sisters and brothers know about it, because it is going to be a very simple affair. I know you would not be able to come, therefore I did not say anything about it to you. Will you please pray hard for me. How about my throat. It was perfect for over a year, but is troubling me again lately, and I will tell you how it happened.

We have one especially brilliant sister who has nearly every degree in Music and is our music teacher, but her ambition is dreadful for

her degrees in education. She per-
suaded Mr Provincial to let her
attend Berkeley U. for her (degree)
Master's degree, so I was appointed
her companion, from August until
Jan. 28th. She has not got it
yet; I told the Provincial I was
not able to go any longer. We
left here at 11:30 - reached there
at 1 o'clock, and I had to sit in
the Library from 1 until 5 P.M.
unless I walked over a few hills
to Newman Hall and its Chapel.
Then coming home, we met at a
corner, and nearly every night it was

cold or wet or raining and that
brought on the trouble again.

We went three times a week.

Since Jan. 28th I have been swamped
with crosses, which I shall not put
on paper. Things are much better
now. I made three Novenas of 3
rosaries to our Blessed Mother in
petition, and now I'm making 3
more in Thanksgiving.

I am going to Los Angeles in
vacation and I am sure you will
have returned from your lovely
trip to Rome and Spain by then.

I'll be with you in spirit all the

time, particularly on May 7th,
that wonderful day. Many
many thanks for that lovely
picture of St. Anthony Claret
that you enclosed. It is beau-
tiful with our Blessed Mother
and an Angel, recounting all the
wonderful deeds of your Holy
Founder. You must be thrilled
at the thought of witnessing the
wonderful ceremonies of a Canon-
ization, particularly of your Founder,
such a holy man.

I must admit that I have

I thank you again a thousand times for your sweet, lovely advice. I would dearly love to see you, but in a few months I'm looking for that favor.

Until then I shall continue to pray for you, and your dear Mother, and ask that you please continue to take an interest in me and land me safely where your dear Mother is - high in Heaven.

"Happy Easter." As ever,

Sister Louise Marie. S.N.D.P.

If you could only realize what it has meant to me:-

I am so happy to hear that my people have been very kind to you. I am again saving rare stamps for your bags and I'll have some to bring along with me in vacation.

I presume everything is all right at present to gain the indulgences of my Golden Jubilee also the Holy Year Jubilee? You know what I mean?

Well dear Father Alloysius,

prayed to die before I celebrate
my Jubilee, but I have stopped
that prayer now.

According to your beautiful
remarks and advice, everything
is all right with me and I need
not worry about any thing. Thank you.

You pay to be always very happy
and cheerful. I have always been
until just lately, but I tried very
hard not to show how I felt.

You will understand what I mean.
Now, why shouldn't I be now, after
your lovely assuring letter.

J. M. . . . J. T.

Carmel of St. Joseph
3361 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach 3, Calif.

Pax Christi!

Rev. Aloysius Ellcuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father Aloysius:

It has not been from want of interest that I have delayed in writing to you but from lack of time. In fact, this letter is the first I have written in many days for all I did was to send out cards for Easter and the postulants helped me to address them. Now I feel I must wait no longer for a special reason. It will be better to tell you what it is first of all.

We have an aspirant, a young woman who is a convert. She was interested in Carmel before we came down here and then by what seems to have been God's Will she was sent here to write up a story. She returned to speak of her vocation and subsequent visits led her to apply here. The other Sisters are willing so I have set the date for July the second, providing her medical examination is all right. She had a Director but he has been sent to the east coast and will no longer be able to direct her. Yesterday I could see that she feels the need of one and I could not think of anyone but you. I would not want her to fall into the hands of some Director who would spoil her vocation for I feel she has one if she cooperates. She speaks with me quite freely and for this I thank God. It is hard to have religious who do not want to speak with their Superior and who do not respect them. So this is the point: if this young woman calls will you please try to help her and to see her before you leave for Rome? In the meantime strengthen her vocation by your own prayers and advice.

One day while in the choir I was thinking over the sorrows of Our Lady and it suddenly occurred to me that our blessed Mother never publicized her sorrows and suffering. In fact, after the loss in the Temple she truly kept all things in her heart. You see, Our Lord continues to lay upon me the cross now in one way, now in another. I told Him this morning to lift up my heart which should not be sad at this time of year. My one consolation is to look upon the tabernacle and to realize that God ~~gives~~ gave me the privilege of building this chapel and of making possible another place for Our Lord to rest. But all this is in my mind and I feel no elation whatsoever. He is truly hiding Himself. So pray for me.

Pardon this letter written in such great haste. I have to call the Chancery and do so many other things. Please do let me hear from you before you leave for Rome. How I wish I could talk with you but this also is offered upon the altar of sacrifice within my heart. Your blessing for my little group and for me, please.

Humbly in Christ,

Mother Mary Engelbrecht, D.C.